GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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WATER CONVERGENCE SYSTEM
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government to provide Water Convergence System in thehilly and high rainfall areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) As per the National Water Policy adoptedin 1987, the planning of projects in hilly areas should take into account the need to provide assured drinking water, possibilities of hydro-power development and proper approach to irrigation in such areas, in the context of physical features and constraints such as steep slopes, rapid run-off and the incidence of soil erosion. Operationalising the National Water Policythrough the development of minor irrigation and watershed schemes is the responsibility of the State Governments. The Central Government is providing centralloan assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme to the hilly states of the north-east, Jammu & Kashmir, Sikkim and Himachal Pradesh to develop minor irrigation.